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Robert Kelley, an American nuclear scientist and former director in the International Atomic Energy Agency smiles during a interview with the Associated Press in Vienna, Austria, Friday, June 4, 2010. Documents smuggled out of Myanmar by an army defector indicate its military regime is trying to develop nuclear weapons and long-range missiles, and North Korea is probably assisting the program, an expatriate media group said Friday.

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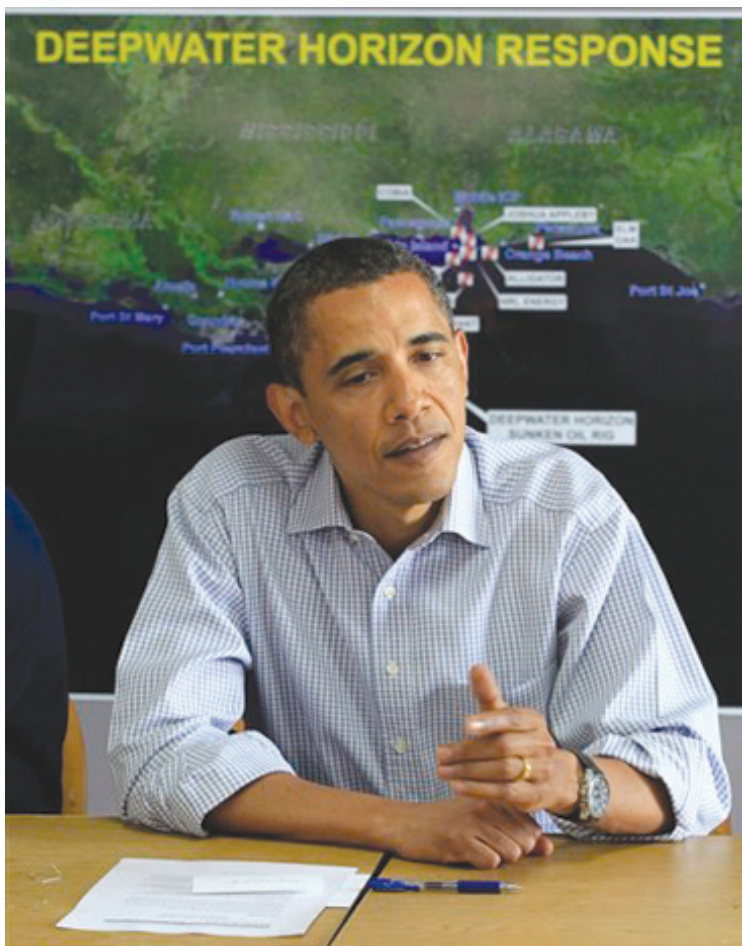
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President Barack Obama makes a statement after being briefed on the BP oil spill relief efforts in the Gulf Coast region, Friday, June 4, 2010, at Louis Armstrong International New Orleans Airport in Kenner, La.

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Israel vows to stop Irish aid ship as it approaches Gaza

AMY TEIBEL

Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel vowed Friday to keep an Irish aid ship from breaching its blockade of the impoverished Gaza Strip, appealing to pro-Palestinian activists to dock at an Israeli port and avoid another showdown at sea.

The new effort to break the blockade will test Israel's resolve as it faces a wave of international outrage over its deadly naval raid of another aid ship earlier this week.

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In this April 21, 2010 file photo James Clapper is seen in McLean, Va., just outside of Washington.

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AP source: Pentagon official tapped as intelligence chief

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Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama intends to nominate the U.S. Defense Department's top intelligence official, James Clapper, as the next national intelligence director despite some objections from Congress, a senior administration official said Friday.

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In this May 12, 2010 file photo, Derek Graham uses a bottle of Palestinian olive oil to officially name the cargo ship the MV Rachel Corrie, named after a after a human rights activist killed by the Israeli military, before it departed from Dundalk, Ireland, for the Middle East with a cargo of cement and supplies for Gaza. The ship could reach Israel's 20-mile exclusion zone by June 4, according to activists, but Israel's prime minister has vowed the ship will not reach land. The dueling comments suggest a potential new clash over Israel's three-year-old blockade of the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip - and come only four days after an Israeli commando raid on a larger aid flotilla left nine activists dead.

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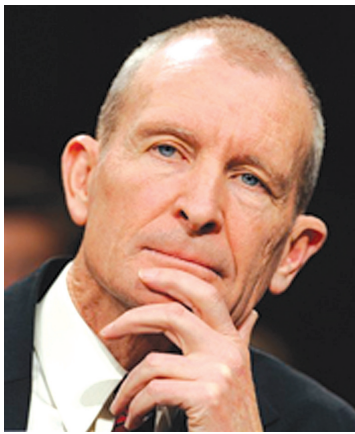
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INTELLIGENCE CHIEF

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Obama will announce the nomination of Clapper, a retired Air Force general, in a Rose Garden ceremony Saturday morning, said the official, who would speak only on condition of anonymity ahead of the announcement. Clapper would replace retired

Adm. Dennis Blair, who resigned last month after frequent clashes with White House personnel.

Clapper's own combative sparring with lawmakers during past congressional hearings made him an unpopular choice with leading legislators on both sides of the aisle.

His critics question whether he will be able to counter Obama's influential intelligence inner circle, which includes senior counterterrorism adviser John Brennan and CIA Director Leon Panetta.

The position of national intelligence director was created in 2004 to coordinate the sixteen intelligence agencies so as to correct intelligence failures that led to the al-Qaeda attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Clapper, a retired Air Force lieutenant general, served as director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, which often works closely with the CIA. In retirement, he became the first civilian director of the National Geospatial-

Intelligence Agency, with a few years in the private sector focusing on intelligence issues in between.

He is known for blunt, sometimes salty speech, both in the Pentagon and privately at congressional hearings.

Retired Vice Adm. Mike McConnell, the second DNI, had an intelligence background, and received fairly high marks in his role as President George W. Bush's chief intelligence adviser.

Neither the first national intelligence director, John Negroponte, nor the most recent, Blair, had a long track record inside intelligence. As a result, both were criticized within the intelligence agencies for clashing with its insular culture.

Blair almost immediately fell into turf battles with Panetta. Blair objected to the CIA's frequent use of covert action. And he butted heads with Panetta over who would have ultimate say in representing the DNI abroad, which had been handled by CIA station chiefs.

Blair wanted to have final say, but when Blair asked the White House to back him up, top counterterrorist adviser Brennan instead ruled in favor of Panetta.

Brennan was the administration's first choice for DNI, but he was rejected by top senators because of his time at the CIA, during the time of waterboarding and renditions.

Clapper himself has long been a personal proponent for a strong DNI, and it cost him his job when he worked for then-Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, according to one former senior U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private meeting. In the summer of 2004, as Congress put the finishing touches on legislation creating the DNI, military and intelligence officials sat down to discuss how the new boss would fit into their command structures.

Clapper, then the top official at the nation's spy satellite agency, and Michael Hayden, who headed the National Security

Agency, said the Pentagon probably would have to give up some authority under the new structure. But Rumsfeld strongly objected, the official said. Clapper subsequently fell out of favor with Rumsfeld and was ultimately replaced, the official said.

Clapper is not the favorite choice in Congress, especially among Republicans.

"I don't think Clapper's the right person for the job," Sen. Kit Bond, the top Republican on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Thursday.

Bond said Clapper would not be able to command the authority needed to compete with the other strong personalities in the intelligence community. Senior congressional staff said that Bond was not consulted about the choice this week and that he may choose to round up Republican support to block the nomination.

The committee chairwoman, Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein, objected to the Clapper choice last week, saying she wanted a civilian in the role. □



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Can't do nation: Multiple crises fray U.S. optimism

TOM RAUM,

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's vaunted can-do spirit is badly frayed.

From the Gulf oil spill to the war in Afghanistan, from lost jobs to soaring budget deficits, cascading crises are defying easy resolution and undermining faith in the future.

Take the oil gushing for more than six weeks from a broken well into the Gulf of Mexico despite all efforts to stop it.

That gusher, which can be seen around the clock on live video feeds from the ocean floor, stands as a vivid image of the limits of modern technology and governance. We can fly through space and walk on the moon but cannot stop a crude oil leak that has grown into the nation's worst environmental catastrophe.

Then there is the economy. Many months after the recession was said to have been over, Friday's jobless figures showed the nation still in the grip of frighteningly high unemployment despite Obama administration insistence that no problem is getting more attention.

Abroad, the United States still has not defeated the Taliban in Afghanistan after almost 10 years of trying. The government seems unable to slow the nuclear march of either Iran or North Korea. And efforts to broker peace in the Middle East keep slipping away despite decades of work. These are not just problems for President Barack Obama. But as the nation's leader, he is taking the most heat.

"He's certainly moved from seeming to walk on water to really slogging in the mud, the oil-filled mud if you will," said Fred Greenstein, a Princeton

University presidential scholar. "He is hitting a lot of existential obstacles — things that are out there and that are intractable." For now, the disaster at the top of the list is the oil still spewing from the blown BP well. It is hitting more shores, and now coating birds, as shown in sickeningly vivid photos.

Obama visited the Gulf Coast on Friday for a third time since the April 20 blowout and fire on the Deepwater Horizon rig that killed 11 workers. The company said it was diverting some oil up a pipe from a cap it placed on the well but it was not yet clear how much. Obama cited signs of apparent progress but said it is "way to early to be optimistic" about BP's latest attempt.

The nation's worst oil spill has the president on the defensive as he repeatedly insists that he and his administration have been fully engaged from the start. But it is a double-edged message, since Obama also wants it clear that the spill is BP's fault and is the London-based oil giant's responsibility to bring under control.

Obama understands the nation's frustration and says he shares it.

"I would love to just spend a lot of my time venting and yelling at people. But that's not the job I was hired to do. My job is to solve this problem, and ultimately this isn't about me and how angry I am," he told CNN's Larry King.

A recent Gallup poll found that more than half those surveyed thought Obama was handling the crisis poorly. With the spill threatening to undermine his presidency, Obama abruptly scrapped a trip to Indonesia and Australia for the second time this year to focus on the crisis at home.

It is hardly just about Obama.

Many Americans, and people in other developed countries, too, have become accustomed to believing that technology and smart thinking can bring manmade calamities under control and help guide a nation's destiny.

Yet, both domestically and internationally, little the United States has tried lately seems to be working.

Pocketbook problems seem unceasing, in the face of enormous efforts to get the economy moving.

Friday's Labor Department report said payrolls rose by 431,000 jobs in May. But all but about 40,000 of them were temporary Census Bureau positions, and some 125,000 new jobs are needed each month just to keep pace with new entrants into the labor force. Thirteen million new ones will be needed to bring the jobless rate down to pre-recession rates of around 6 percent, and economists do not expect that for years — perhaps late 2013, at the earliest.

"We dug ourselves a very deep hole," said Mark Zandi, chief economist of Moody's Economy.com.

The nation may have technically survived the Great Recession, but the stubbornly high jobless rate and worries about Europe's economy are fueling fears of another recession. Meanwhile, the government's budget deficit is soaring to near-Greek proportions, with no good plan to get it under control.

"Greater realism is needed about U.S. budget challenges as the recovery continues, or America will join Europe down the proverbial drain of financial self-abuse," said Peter Morici, a business professor at the University of Maryland and former chief economist at the U.S. International Trade



President Barack Obama steps out of his limousine as he walks towards Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., Friday, June 4, 2010, en route to the Louisiana Gulf Coast region where he will visit areas affected by the BP oil spill.

Associated Press

Commission.

Stocks in the United States plunged after Friday's weak jobs report and fears of a financial meltdown in Hungary, with the Dow industrials closing down 324 points.

The overseas picture is no brighter away from Europe.

Last week's botched Israeli naval commando raid on Turkish-flagged aid ships bound for the Gaza Strip appeared to dampen expectations of any breakthrough in stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. The international condemnation of Israel that followed the bloody raid also further complicates U.S. efforts against Iran's nuclear program.

Likewise, the conclusion by international investigators blaming the sinking of a South Korean warship on a torpedo from a North Korean submarine, and the resulting increase in tensions on the Korean Peninsula, make it even less likely that the North will agree to return to six-nation talks to limit its nuclear program.

"Things are bad, getting worse," said Doug Schoen, a Democratic strategist who was

a pollster for former President Bill Clinton.

Schoen said the weight of big crises, plus smaller political controversies — Did the Obama administration offer possible jobs to Senate candidates in Pennsylvania and Colorado to tempt them to drop challenges to White House-favored candidates? — can shake public confidence in Obama.

"On each and every problem we are facing, he and his administration have been found wanting and have yet to meet the challenge that they themselves said they were prepared to take on," Schoen said.

The White House of course sees it differently and views the oil spill as the immediate major challenge.

"I think we're going to be judged and the president will be judged on our response and our recovery efforts to what we all know now is the worst environmental disaster in our nation's history," said White House spokesman Robert Gibbs. "But pounding on a podium isn't going to fix a hole in the ocean." □

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Calm no more, Obama lashes out at BP



President Barack Obama, flanked by by National Incident Commander Adm. Thad Allen, left, and White House climate and energy adviser Carol Browner, makes a statement after being briefed on the BP oil spill relief efforts in the Gulf Coast region, Friday, June 4, 2010, at Louis Armstrong International New Orleans Airport in Kenner, La.

Associated Press

NANCY BENAC (AP) — Dogged for being too calm in crisis, President Barack Obama unleashed frustration

for all to see Friday, warning BP it had better do right by the people whose lives it has wrecked.

The president's third trek to the Gulf of Mexico was about the workers with no government titles, the shrimpers and the shopkeepers, the fishermen whose lives have been upended and are running out of people to blame.

Yet Obama's trip was also about him.

He says it serves little substantive point to go around and yell — that people want results, not a show — but presidents face peril if they do not connect emotionally. As the crisis has dragged on — and his poll ratings have slipped — his words for BP's leaders have grown sharper.

"I don't want them nickel-and-dime people down here," Obama said after his latest briefing on the oil response. He promised his government would look over BP's shoulder to ensure it was paying out claims. His visit amounted to one long I'm-on-your-side passage for reeling communities. Along that same line, he invited family members of the 11 workers killed when the BP rig blew up to visit the White House next Thursday. Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said the president had written to each of the families.

As for BP, Obama cast the oil company as a corporate giant interested in protecting its image with TV ads and its shareholders with bountiful dividends.

"I don't want somebody else bearing the costs of those risks that they took," Obama said. "I want to make sure that they're paying for it."

The president's visit came as

engineers with BP worked to settle a funnel-like cap over the deep-sea leak to try to collect some of the crude now fouling four states. It was not clear how much oil was being captured, and some continued to flow, generating frightening photos of seabirds clogged in the muck.

The oil rig that exploded on April 20 has caused a massive, ongoing spill that is polluting the waters and shores of the Gulf states and consuming the attention of the president. Obama scrapped a trip to Indonesia and Australia to deal with it — no small international sacrifice, especially since he had already resorted to that move once before this year to finish a health care law.

Yet in unleashing his most fiery words yet about BP, Obama underscored his awkward situation: To fix the problem, he is reliant on the same people whose motives he now questions. The government is not equipped to handle the tricky, deepwater effort BP is leading to fix its gushing well.

From his briefing outside New Orleans, Obama bounded on a two-hour-plus motorcade drive to Grand Isle, a small barrier island, to hear from the people. The weather made the trip feel fittingly hard. A driving rain forced him to drop plans to travel by helicopter. Along the way, he passed this roadside sign: "HELP US NOW!!"

At another spot, the side of a building had been adorned with a portrait of Obama reminiscent of his famous presidential campaign posters. Instead of "hope" or "change," the words "what now?" were on his forehead.

In casual clothes, Obama went to a bait shop to talk to fishing industry workers about how the disastrous oil spill is affecting their business. The shop owner was there to meet him along with a shrimper, an oysterman, a marina owner and others.

Obama rolled up his sleeves and sat down at a table with the men, and they all dug into shrimp and corn on the cob. One by one, they told Obama their gut-wrenching stories, which he then related to reporters.

"Terry's been shrimping out here for 45 years. Right now things are completely shut out," the president said. "Floyd has oil seeping into these oyster beds."

The mayor of Grand Isle, David Camardelle, choked up as he told of staying up nights worrying, "looking at the ceiling fan."

"We don't know what's going to happen tomorrow," Camardelle said. "I'm trying to keep Grand Isle alive." Obama later talked with other Grand Isle residents gathered near the bait shop, on the shore near some shrimp boats, promising them: "We're not going to forget that this is a way of life."

"Even when I'm not here, I'm thinking about you," Obama said. More than six weeks into the disaster, the president's demeanor has come into question. The calm-in-crisis state that helped him win the presidency has seemed off in tone.

Just ahead of the Gulf visit, he declared himself furious at a situation that "is imperiling an entire way of life and an entire region for potentially years." □



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Army: Soldier charged in three Afghan civilian deaths

FORT LEWIS, Washington (AP) — A soldier has been charged with the murders of three Afghan civilians, the U.S. Army said Friday. Spc. Jeremy Morlock was charged with three counts of premeditated murder and one count of assault, the Army said in a statement. Morlock, 22, is an infantryman assigned to B Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team. He entered the military in June 2006. Morlock deployed in July 2009 with his unit in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He returned to Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state Thursday and was charged Friday. He has been placed in pretrial confinement.

Joint Base spokeswoman Lt. Col. Tamara Parker said the charges against Morlock involve three separate events alleged to have happened between January and May at or near Forward Operating Base Ramrod in Afghanistan. She said she had no further details on the victims or circumstances.

Parker said other soldiers were being

investigated but she could only discuss Morlock since he is the only one to have returned to the Washington state base.

Parker said she did not know whether Morlock was represented by a lawyer yet. The maximum penalty for conviction for premeditated murder would be life in prison or the death penalty, Parker said. Army prosecutors have not yet decided whether to seek the death penalty.

About 10 members of an Army unit based at Fort Lewis have been under investigation for as many as three civilian deaths in Afghanistan, along with other potential wrongdoing, a senior military official said last month.

The official did not have details of the investigation but confirmed that the 5th Stryker Brigade was under scrutiny.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss details of an investigation being conducted in Afghanistan. □



In this photo taken May 21, 2010, from left, U.S. Army Sgt. Jacob Zimmerman, of Osh Kosh, Wis., Spc. Timmy Hartbeck of Manchester, Iowa, and Spc. Kevin O'Connor, of Hingham, Mass. wait for darkness to set in before heading out to set up an ambush for the Taliban, in the Shah Wali Kot district of Afghanistan's Kandahar province. Zimmerman, Hartbeck and O'Connor, are all member of 2nd Platoon, Charlie Company which suffered 12 casualties, including one Afghan interpreter, during its 12-month deployment with 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment of the 5th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. Second Platoon's deaths equal about half of the entire Battalion's casualties over its deployment.

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In this May 12, 2010 file photo, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Mairead Maguire, poses alongside the cargo ship MV Rachel Corrie, named after a after a human rights activist killed by the Israeli military, before it departed from Dundalk , Ireland, for the Middle East with a cargo of cement and supplies for Gaza. The ship, on which Maguire is one of 11 passengers, could reach Israel's 20-mile exclusion zone by June 4, according to activists, but Israel's prime minister has vowed the ship will not reach land. The dueling comments suggest a potential new clash over Israel's three-year-old blockade of the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip - and come only four days after an Israeli commando raid on a larger aid flotilla left nine activists dead.

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IRISH AID SHIP

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Activists on board the Irish boat, including a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, insisted they would not resist if Israeli soldiers tried to take over their vessel. They said they expected the 1,200-ton Rachel Corrie to reach Gaza by late Saturday morning.

Diplomatic fallout and protests across Europe and the Muslim world have increased pressure to end the embargo Israel imposed after the Islamic militant Hamas group seized power in Gaza three years ago. The blockade has plunged the territory's 1.5 million residents deeper into poverty and sharply raised Mideast

tensions as the U.S. makes a new push for regional peace. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his Cabinet on Thursday the Irish boat would not be allowed to reach Gaza. On Friday, Israel's foreign minister said the policy had not changed.

"We have made it clear to the Irish and others, no ship will reach Gaza without a security inspection," Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman told Channel 1 TV.

The Cambodian-flagged Rachel Corrie — named for an American college student who was crushed to death by a bulldozer in 2003 while protesting Israeli house demolitions in Gaza — was carrying hundreds of tons of aid, including wheelchairs, medical supplies and cement. This latest attempt to breach the blockade differs significantly from the flotilla the Israeli troops intercepted on Monday, killing eight Turks and an American after being set upon by a group of activists.

Nearly 700 activists had joined that operation, most of them aboard the lead boat from Turkey that was the scene of the violence. That

boat, the Mavi Marmara, was sponsored by an Islamic aid group from Turkey, the Foundation for Human Rights and Freedom and Humanitarian Relief. Israel outlawed the group, known by its Turkish acronym IHH, in 2008 because of alleged ties to Hamas. The group is not on the U.S. State Department list of terror organizations, however.

By contrast, the Rachel Corrie was carrying just 11 passengers, whose effort was mainly sponsored by the Free Gaza movement, a Cyprus-based group that has renounced violence.

Irish Nobel Peace Prize laureate Mairead Corrigan told The Associated Press from the ship Friday that the group would offer no resistance if Israeli forces came aboard.

"We will sit down," she said in a telephone interview. "They will probably arrest us ... But there will be no resistance." Netanyahu has instructed the Israeli military to avoid harming the passengers on board the Irish boat, a participant at Thursday night's Cabinet meeting said. He spoke on condition of anonymity because the meeting was closed.

Foreign Ministry director Yossi Gal urged the activists to dock in the southern Israeli port of Ashdod and promised to transfer all cargo except any weapons or weapons components to Gaza. But the activists resisted the appeal. Israel has "no desire to board the ship," Gal told reporters. "If the ship decides to sail to the port of Ashdod, then we will ensure its safe arrival and will not board it."

Corrigan said the activists would "not be diverted anywhere else. We head to Gaza in order to deliver the humanitarian aid and to break the siege of Gaza."

The former U.N. humanitarian coordinator in Iraq, Denis Halliday, said from the ship that trade unions and government officials had inspected its cargo. "So we are 100 percent confident that there is nothing that is offensive or dangerous," he told Israel's Channel 2 TV.

Still, he acknowledged that Israel might object to the 500 tons of cement on board, which the army maintains the militants can use to fight it.

In Washington, the State Department said U.S. officials had been in touch with "multiple" countries, including the Israeli and Irish governments, about the latest effort.

"Everyone wants to avoid a repetition of this tragic incident," spokesman P.J. Crowley said.

International condemnation continued Friday, with protests in Syria, Greece, Mauritania, Bahrain and Malaysia, where some demonstrators burned Israeli flags and carried mock coffins. In Norway, the military canceled a seminar scheduled for later this month because an Israeli army officer was to have lectured.

Israel claims activists ambushed the Israeli commandos as they rappelled on board the Mavi Marmara from helicopters on Monday, and the military and Turkish TV have released videotape showing soldiers under attack. Returning activists admitted fighting with the Israeli commandos but insisted they acted in self defense because the ships were being boarded in international waters by a military force.

On Friday, the Israeli military released what it claimed was a radio exchange with the flotilla, in which unidentified male voices were heard making anti-Semitic and anti-American comments. □

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Rights conflict in Argentine court battle over DNA



Marcela Noble, right, and her brother Felipe Noble, pose for pictures after an interview with The Associated Press in Buenos Aires, Thursday, June 3, 2010. The adopted children of Ernestina Herrera de Noble, the owner of Grupo Clarin, one of Latin America's largest media companies, discussed their identities and their fears about what may happen next as their DNA is compared with samples left by relatives of political dissidents who were killed after giving birth in captivity during the 1976-1983 dictatorship.

Associated Press

MICHAEL WARREN,
Associated Press Writer
BUENOS AIRES, Argentina
(AP) — The adopted children of Argentina's leading newspaper publisher are nearing the end of an epic legal battle over their DNA

and preparing themselves for the possibility of a match with families of victims of the dictatorship.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, Marcela and Felipe Noble Herrera accused Argentine

human rights groups and authorities of violating their privacy by forcing them to give DNA samples in a politically charged case that could put their elderly adoptive mother behind bars.

The Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo allege that Clarin owner Ernestina Herrera de Noble illegally adopted them 34 years ago with help from officials of the military junta. Hundreds of political dissidents were kidnapped and killed after giving birth in clandestine torture centers during the 1976-1983 dictatorship, and human rights groups believe the Noble Herreras' birth mothers were among them.

Barring a last-minute Supreme Court ruling, the National Genetics Bank's scientists will begin extracting DNA on Monday from underwear and other clothing they surrendered last week under a court order, following what they described

as a dangerous car chase from the judge's office to their mother's mansion.

The DNA will then be compared to results from hundreds of samples given by families of the disappeared, in a process they fear gives them no guarantees.

"There is not a single concrete fact showing that we were taken" from the junta's imprisoned enemies, said Marcela, who with her brother spoke exclusively to the AP in their lawyer's office.

But if the DNA shows a match to families of the disappeared, their very existence would serve as evidence — "object proof" as they put it — of a crime that could land their mother in prison, if lawyers can then show she knowingly accepted stolen babies.

A match also would mean the adoptees have other families to consider — whether they want to have anything to do with them or not.

"If it is really true ... well, it's

up to us to assimilate it, it's up to us to prepare ourselves and it's up to us to see what we want to do," she said. "Only we will know how we'll feel."

Felipe was more dismissive: "Whatever the result, for me it's just one more sheet of paper, one more fact in my desk."

Ernestina Herrera de Noble, already a widow when the military took over Argentina, adopted both children using paperwork that rights groups have challenged in court as falsified.

But they say they have no need to know more about their birth families, not after 34 years developing their own identities.

"Our identity is ours. It's a private thing, and I don't think it's up to the state or the Grandmothers to come and tell us what is ours," Marcela said, referring to the prominent human rights group that works to identify infants stolen during the dictatorship. □



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Report: Myanmar trying to develop nuclear weapons

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VIENNA AP) — Secret documents and hundreds of photos smuggled out of Myanmar by an army defector indicate its military regime is trying to develop nuclear weapons and long-range missiles, a former senior U.N. nuclear inspector said Friday. Robert Kelley said the evidence he has seen and heard from the defector is the most compelling yet to support suspicions that Myanmar is interested in atomic arms.

“This is probably the best source ... since Mordechai Vanunu,” he told The Associated Press, referring to the former Israeli nuclear technician whose leak to a British newspaper in 1954 revealed details of the Jewish state’s nuclear program and led to the now generally accepted belief that it has nuclear weapons. “I think he’s got the same kind of inside information.”

Kelley, who came to the International Atomic Energy Agency after working at Los Alamos — one of two U.S. laboratories researching nuclear weapons design — retired from the Vienna-based IAEA in 2008 after holding senior positions. He was commenting on a report he co-authored that was released Friday by the Democratic Voice of Burma, an expatriate media group located in Norway.

The report said the defector had been involved in the nuclear program and smuggled out extensive files and photographs describing experiments with uranium and specialized equipment needed to build a nuclear reactor and develop enrichment capabilities.

But the report concluded that Myanmar is still far from producing a nuclear weapon. “From what I’ve seen, the quality of workmanship is extremely poor, that the level of professionalism in the things they are building, the drawings they are making is

extremely poor, said Kelley. “I am not saying that this is a nuclear weapons program that is about to scare us tomorrow,” he said. “What I am saying is the intent to build nuclear weapons is much more clear now.”

The IAEA, which works on preventing nuclear proliferation, had no comment. But an IAEA official, who asked for anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the issue, said Kelley was extremely well-respected within the agency and in the general nuclear expert community.

Kelley said the information he analyzed had to his knowledge not yet been shared either with the IAEA or any government. He described the defector, Sai Thein Win, as an army major trained in Myanmar as a defense engineer and later in Russia as a missile expert. He said he had access to secret Myanmar nuclear facilities including a nuclear battalion north of Mandalay “charged with building up a nuclear weapons capability.”

Sai fled in February. His evidence — electronic documents and photos — as well as his testimony, reveal worrisome specifics of Myanmar’s nuclear puzzle, said Kelley.

Experts already have built — and possibly used — equipment to make uranium metal, the material used for fissile warheads, he said.

The documents obtained from the defector show a number of other components used in nuclear weapons and missile technology, including a missile fuel pump impeller, chemical engineering equipment that can be used to make compounds used in uranium enrichment, and nozzles used to separate uranium isotopes into bomb materials.

“The total picture is very compelling. Burma is trying to build pieces of a nuclear program, specifically a nuclear reactor to make plutonium and a uranium enrichment program,” the report said.

Kelley, in his comments to the AP, also said that these and other activities “only make sense in the context of a weapons program and not a civilian program.”

Some of the photos have been taken inside two large buildings housing massive machine tool and dye equipment suitable for machining either missile components or the large reactor parts like a containment basin for radioactive runoff, Kelley said.

He described the differences between photos taken during end-use inspections by German experts from the company supplying the equipment and afterward as revealing.

“When the Germans are there and they are looking at the display boards ... there are pictures of them machining crankshafts and working on car engines,” said Kelley. “When the Germans leave, the poster boards are replaced with posters of the objects we are seeing them make for their nuclear program.”

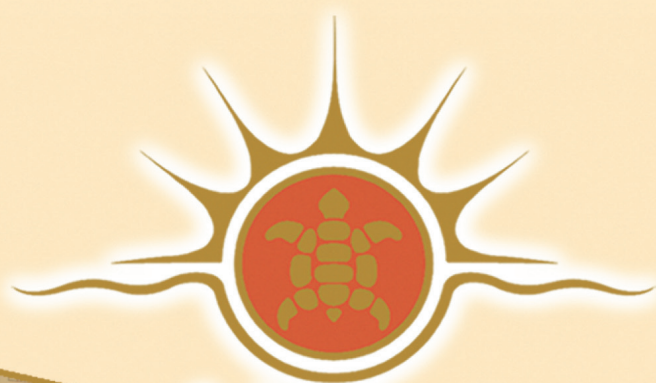
Some of the workers in civilian clothing during such visits are later seen wearing military uniforms, said Kelley.

Still, he emphasized that any such manufacturing was restricted to prototypes, adding Myanmar was technologically incapable of serial production of sensitive nuclear components.

On Thursday, U.S. Sen. Jim Webb announced he was postponing a trip to Myanmar because of new allegations that it was collaborating with North Korea to develop a nuclear program.

Webb, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asia and Pacific Affairs, referred to documents provided by a Myanmar army defector.

Myanmar’s military government has denied similar allegations in the past, but suspicions have mounted recently that the impoverished Southeast Asian nation has embarked on a nuclear program. □



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S.Korea seeks U.N. action against N.Korea

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — South Korea officially referred North Korea to the U.N. Security Council Friday over the sinking of a navy ship that killed 46 sailors, taking its strongest step ever toward making the communist North face international punishment. South Korea's U.N. Ambassador Park In-kook handed over a letter to Mexico's U.N. Ambassador Claude Heller, the current Security Council president, asking for a response from the U.N.'s most powerful body to deter "any further provocations."

North Korea has steadfastly denied responsibility for the sinking of the Cheonan and naval spokesman Col. Pak In Ho warned last month in comments to broadcaster AP Television News that any move to retaliate or punish Pyongyang would mean war. Heller said he will circulate the letter to the 14 other council members and then initiate consultations "to give an appropriate answer to this request." He will talk to council members before setting a date for the first closed-door council discussion, Mexico's

U.N. spokesman Marco Morales said.

Despite a history of being attacked by North Korea, Seoul has never taken Pyongyang to the Security Council for an inter-Korean provocation, indicating now that it wants to take the matter beyond the Korean peninsula.

In the letter, Park said an international investigation determined that the torpedo that sank the 1,200-ton South Korean corvette Cheonan in March was made in North Korea and that additional evidence pointed "overwhelmingly" to the conclusion that it was fired by a North Korean submarine. He called the attack a violation of the U.N. Charter, the 1953 Armistice Agreement that ended the Korean War, and the 1992 North-South agreement on reconciliation, nonaggression and cooperation.

The two Koreas technically remain in a state of war because their three-year conflict ended in a truce, not a peace treaty, in 1953.

"As such, the armed attack by North Korea constitutes a threat to the peace and security on the Korean peninsula and beyond," he said.

"My government requests that the Security Council

duly consider this matter and respond in a manner appropriate to the gravity of North Korea's military provocation in order to deter recurrence of any further provocation by North Korea," Park said.

The letter was delivered hours after South Korea's president, in a hard-hitting speech bereft of diplomatic politeness, called North Korea a liar and a threat to northeast Asia. He called the ship attack "a military provocation" that also "undermines global peace."

"North Korea must admit its wrongdoing" and "pledge to never again engage in such a reprehensible action," President Lee Myung-bak said. "If the enemy continues to taunt us and think that they can do whatever they want they must understand that there is a limit."

They "must understand very clearly that they will have to suffer the consequences."

Lee, who was addressing Asia-Pacific defense ministers including U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, called for international support to act against North Korea and its secret nuclear weapons program.

The Security Council has several choices, a resolution



The USS Curtis Wilbur, a 8,950-ton Aegis destroyer of the U.S. Navy, right, is docked with South Korean navy ships at a naval base in Busan, South Korea, Friday, June 4, 2010. The destroyer arrived in the port city to participate in South Korea-U.S. joint drills in the West Sea slated for this month.

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with or without new sanctions against North Korea, a weaker presidential statement calling for specific actions, or a press statement.

U.N. diplomats familiar with consultations on possible action against North Korea said China, the North's closest ally, is opposed to new sanctions and indicated the more likely result will be a presidential statement.

The diplomats spoke on condition of anonymity because the contacts have been private.

The Security Council previously imposed sanctions against Pyongyang after its

two nuclear tests in 2006 and 2009. These include U.N. embargoes on nuclear and ballistic missile related items and technology, on arms exports and imports except light weapons, and on luxury goods.

Frosty relations between the Koreas have plunged since the sinking of the Cheonan in March, and tensions have increased in northeast Asia.

When ambassador Park was asked at U.N. headquarters what kind of action South Korea would like, he replied: "I think the action which is commensurate with the gravity of this situation." □

NYC man guilty of burglary in Dunst handbag heist

By JENNIFER PELTZ,
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — It was a real-life remake, with a different ending.

A mechanic was convicted Friday of burglary in the theft of Kirsten Dunst's \$2,000 designer purse and actor Simon Pegg's cell phone and other items from a chic hotel, a 2007 heist that forced the co-stars to twice play the part of witnesses.

James Jimenez, who said he just tagged along on what he thought was a co-defendant's legitimate errand, was convicted of trespassing after a trial last fall. But that jury deadlocked on the more serious burglary charge, spurring a retrial that brought the actors back to the witness stand this week.

Their roles were simple: They explained that their possessions disappeared from a SoHo Grand Hotel penthouse suite they were using as a lounge during filming for "How to Lose Friends & Alienate People," and that they didn't know the men they later saw ambling around the penthouse floor on surveillance video.

The star witnesses added a dash of Hollywood to the Manhattan trials and gave jurors a behind-the-scenes look at moviemaking.

Dunst, best known for her roles in the "Spider-Man" series, and Pegg, whose credits include last year's "Star Trek" movie, described



Actress Kirsten Dunst exits Manhattan criminal court in New York, Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

details ranging from the duties of a third assistant director to their takeout dinner from the high-end sushi restaurant Nobu.

A representative for Dunst didn't immediately respond to an e-mail inquiry after the verdict. Pegg's spokeswoman declined to comment.

Jimenez, 36, faces up to 15 years in prison at his sentencing, set for June 23. He still maintains his innocence and plans to appeal, said his

lawyer, Robert Parker.

After filming overnight elsewhere in the hotel on Aug. 8 and Aug. 9, 2007, the actors returned to the suite to prepare to go home around 4 a.m. They soon realized Dunst's Balenciaga handbag was gone — and with it her wallet, vintage Ray-Ban sunglasses and \$2,000 in cash — as well as Pegg's phone, iPod and camera with 300 pictures he'd taken, according to their testimony. □

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)



Sheryl Crow adopts a second baby boy, Levi James

NEW YORK — Sheryl Crow is the mother of another baby boy. The singer-songwriter announced Friday that she FILE- In this Jan. 31, 2010 file photo, Sheryl Crow introduces Bon Jovi at the Grammy Awards, in Los Angeles. Crow is the mother of another baby boy. The singer-songwriter announced that she has adopted another son on Friday, June 4, 2010.

(AP Photo/Matt Sayles, file)



In this photo taken Saturday, May 29, 2010, Bret Michaels performs during a concert at the Rib America Festival at Soldier's Memorial in St. Louis, Mo.

(AP Photo/St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Sarah Conard)

Bret Michaels back on the road

By DERRIK J. LANG,
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — No groupies. No after-parties. No stage diving. These aren't typical doctor's orders, but bandana-clad Poison frontman Bret Michaels is no average patient. Despite suffering several medical maladies over the past two months, the "Celebrity Apprentice" champion is moving forward with his tour, album and a new VH1 reality series that promises to show the rocker in a new light.

"I think this is good for my soul," Michaels said in a phone interview Thursday from his latest concert stop in Minneapolis. "Honestly, I'm taking every precaution. I'm not doing anything stupid. I'm going on stage and telling the fans that I'm going to give 100 percent of everything I've got, but if it's only 75 or 80 percent, I think they will understand."

Michaels underwent an

emergency appendectomy in April and was expected to make a full recovery. Days later, he was rushed to the hospital after complaining of a headache and was found to have had a brain hemorrhage. While recovering from the hemorrhage in May, he suffered a warning stroke and was diagnosed with a hole in the heart.

"I don't want my legacy to be that I had a brain hemorrhage," said Michaels. "I want it to be that I rocked, I treated people with respect and I made a lot of good friends along the way. I think that came back to me when I got sick. I truly believe if you're a good person, and you spread love, then that love will come back to you."

After winning the third season of Donald Trump's NBC reality competition "The Celebrity Apprentice" in May, Michaels surprised

"American Idol" viewers when he joined finalist Casey James on "Every Rose Has Its Thorn" on the Fox singing contest's ninth season finale. A week later, he resumed his "Custom Built" tour in Biloxi, Miss. Michaels said his doctors weren't crazy that he returned to the scene so early, but he's following their directions on the road to recovery, including taking it easy on and off stage, exercising to increase mobility, laying off the liquor and taking blood thinners to prepare for a fall surgery to repair the hole in his heart. □

has adopted another son, Levi James, who was born April 30.

The 47-year-old shared the news on her website, and her publicist confirmed the adoption.

She wrote that "Wyatt has a new little brother!" referring to her 3-year-old son, who is also adopted.

The Grammy winner has also appeared on ABC's "Cougar Town" this year. □

BUSINESS

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Private employers hold back on hiring in May

By JEANNINE AVERSA,

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — A swell in temporary government hiring for the census drove almost all the job market's gains last month — a huge disappointment to

Wall Street and a sign that private employers aren't yet confident enough in the recovery to start adding workers with gusto.

Daunted by the European debt crisis and a falling

U.S. stock market at home, American businesses added just 41,000 jobs in May, the fewest since January. The government hired 10 times as many for the national census, but those positions will begin to disappear as summer arrives.

At least on paper, the 431,000 total new jobs was the biggest gain in a decade. The unemployment rate dipped to 9.7 percent from 9.9 percent, mainly because hundreds of thousands of people gave up searching for work and were no longer counted.

"On the surface, they look great," Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors, said of the numbers. "But that beauty was only skin-deep. The private sector is not out there hiring like crazy."

Wall Street interpreted the numbers as a big letdown, a sign that the recovery, if not derailed, is at least stalling. The

Dow Jones industrial average sank from the opening bell and tumbled 323.31 points, its second worst slide of the year. The index closed below 10,000 for the second time in two weeks. All the major indexes were down more than 3 percent.

The new employment



In this photo taken Thursday, June 3, 2010, job seekers line up to speak with potential employers during the ninth annual Skid Row Career Fair at Los Angeles Mission in Los Angeles. The nation's payroll grew by 431,000 last month, completely reflecting a burst of temporary census hiring by the government. Private payrolls grew at the slowest pace since the start of the year.

(AP Photo/Adam Lau)

snapshot, released Friday by the

Labor Department, indicated that many private employers are still wary of bulking up their work forces. And it suggested the economic recovery may not bring help fast enough for millions of Americans still unemployed.

The slowdown isn't unusual for an economic recovery. Hiring can slow in one month, then accelerate the next, as was the case after the 2001 recession. But that recession was relatively brief and mild. The Great Recession wiped out so many jobs that it will take unusually strong hiring to bring substantial relief. And neither the Federal Reserve nor the Obama administration expects that to happen soon.

Nor are Americans spending as lavishly as they typically do when recessions end. Wages are barely increasing. And the stock market has taken a beating. If shoppers stay frugal, businesses could become even less confident about adding new workers.

The European debt crisis hurts, too.

"We had all this bad news coming out of Europe, which made employers more cautious," said Tig Gilliam, CEO of

Adecco Group North America, an employment services company. The government hired 411,000 workers in May for the census. But last month was the peak of hiring for the 10-year count, and it will begin to tail off in June. The loss of those temporary jobs could help keep the unemployment rate high.

The nation has produced jobs for five straight months. That's a sharp improvement from last year, when employers were slashing work forces to survive the recession. Yet at the current pace of job creation, it could take at least until the middle of the decade to recoup the 7.4 million jobs lost since December 2007 and reduce unemployment to a more normal 6 percent or below. □



Traders and specialists work the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange Friday, June 4, 2010, in New York.

(AP Photo/David Karp)

Disappointing jobs report sends stocks sliding

By STEPHEN BERNARD,

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks fell to their lowest level in four months Friday after the government said hiring remains weak and another European country warned its economy was in trouble. The

Dow Jones industrial average dropped 323 points to close below 10,000. It was the lowest finish since February and the third-worst slide of the year.

Major indexes all lost more than 3 percent. The drop pushed the market back into "correction" mode, meaning a decline of at least 10 percent from a recent high.

Interest rates slid after traders shoveled money into the safety of

Treasuries.

Retailers were among the hardest-hit stocks after investors bet that a weak job market would discourage consumers from spending.

Macy's fell 6.5 percent. Financial stocks also fell sharply on concerns that borrowers would continue having problems paying their bills. Banks were hurt by more worries about their exposure to Europe's debt crisis. American Express lost 5.3 percent.

The government's May jobs report came as an unpleasant surprise for investors who had grown a little more upbeat about the domestic economy the past few days. The Labor Department said private employers hired just 41,000 jobs in May, down dramatically from 218,000 in April and the lowest number since January. The news made it clear that the economic recovery isn't yet picking up the momentum that investors have been looking for.

The government said 431,000 jobs overall were created last month, but most of those them, 411,000, came from government hiring of temporary census workers. The overall number also fell short of expectations. Economists polled by Thomson Reuters had forecast employers would add 513,000 jobs.

"People are looking for one turning point," Daniel Penrod, senior industry analyst for the California Credit Union League, said of the monthly jobs report. "That's not realistic. This growth will be much slower and more gradual than in the past." □

SPORTS

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Fowler sets Memorial standard; Woods makes cut

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Rickie Fowler gave himself a chance to be the next youngster to win on the U.S. PGA Tour, shooting a 6-under 66 on Friday to tie the 36-hole record at the Memorial Tournament and take a three-shot lead.

The 21-year-old Fowler ran off three straight birdies late in his round, giving him a good buffer from second placed Justin Rose heading into the weekend at soggy Muirfield Village.

Fowler was at 13-under 131. That tied the tournament record set by Scott Hoch in 1987.

Youth has been all the rage on the PGA Tour over the last month, with Rory McIlroy winning at Quail Hollow two days before his 21st birthday,



Rickie Fowler tees off on the par-3 eighth hole during the second round of The Memorial golf tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club Friday, June 4, 2010, in Dublin, Ohio. Fowler birdied the hole.

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and Jason Day winning the Byron Nelson Championship two weeks ago at age 22.

They both turned pro three years ago. Fowler didn't turn pro until last summer, yet he already has lost in a playoff and finished one shot behind in the Phoenix Open in February.

"Just being in contention the few times I have over the last eight months, this is by far the best I've felt," Fowler said.

Defending champion Tiger Woods is starting to feel a little better, too.

Woods was just inside the projected cut line when he started, and with his lackluster play on a course that can penalize errant shots, there was some question whether he would be around for all four rounds in his final event before the U.S. Open.

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Last-place Orioles fire Mgr. Dave Trembley

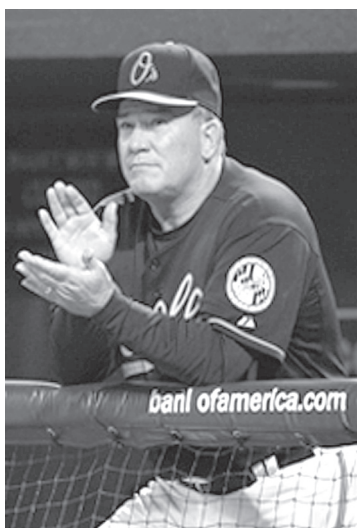
DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Dave Trembley was fired on Friday as manager of the Baltimore Orioles, who have the worst record in Major League Baseball and are staggering toward a team-record 13th consecutive losing season.

Third base coach Juan Samuel was appointed interim manager by president of baseball operations Andy MacPhail, who hired Trembley to take over on an interim basis for Sam Perlozzo in June 2007.

The Orioles opened with 16 losses in 18 games, have a 15-39 win-loss record and are coming off a winless six-game road trip in which they were



This Oct. 2, 2009, file photo shows Baltimore Orioles manager Dave Trembley applauding from the dugout during the first inning of a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays, in Baltimore.

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outscored 34-8 in Toronto and at Yankee Stadium.

"The results on the field were not what any of us would have hoped for, and I understand that the organization felt the time was right to move in a different direction," Trembley said in a statement. □

Foreman, Cotto set to break in new Yankee Stadium



Boxers Miguel Cotto, left and Yuri Forman pose for a picture before the New York Yankees baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles on Thursday, June 3, 2010, at Yankee Stadium in New York. Foreman will defend his WBA light middleweight title against Cotto on Saturday, June 5 Yankee Stadium.

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DAVE SKRETTA

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Yuri Foreman has one of the most engaging back stories in

boxing, an aspiring rabbi from the former Soviet Union who came to the United States, took low-paying jobs and toiled in obscurity, then burst

onto the public consciousness as a world champion.

It's a road that has carried Foreman to "Jimmy Kimmel Live", spawned countless exposes, and will culminate Saturday night at Yankee Stadium.

The unassuming 29-year-old will make his initial title defense against Miguel Cotto, the revered former champion and pride of Puerto Rico, in the first fight at the Yankees' home ballpark in more than three decades.

It's a chance for Foreman to prove he's more than just a compelling story. He can firmly establish himself as a fighter, one who just happens to study the Torah and observe Shabbat.

"I think that it's the right time for a big fight," he said simply.

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Tough Lakers beat Boston 102-89 in finals opener

GREG BEACHAM,

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

The Los Angeles Lakers showed they were ready to withstand rough Boston tactics by beating the Celtics 102-89 in Thursday's opening game of the NBA finals series.

Kobe Bryant scored 30 points and Pau Gasol had 23 points and 14 rebounds to give the Lakers the 1-0 series advantage in the 12th finals series clash between the two teams.

Ron Artest scored 15 points after tumbling to the ground in a tangle with Paul Pierce in the opening minute. Bryant and Gasol then led a gritty physical effort against the Celtics, who memorably pushed around the Lakers while winning their 2008 finals matchup in six games.

"They were the more physical team by far," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "They were more aggressive. They attacked us the entire night. I didn't think we handled it very well."

Pierce scored 24 points and Kevin Garnett added 16 after a slow start for the Celtics, who might not want to know that Lakers coach Phil Jackson's teams in Los Angeles and Chicago have won 47 straight playoff series after winning Game 1.

"I wish I had put it in the

bank, so to speak," said Jackson, the 10-time champion. "We've got to play this out. ... Our defense stiffened at various points in the game, was very effective. We've got a lot of work ahead of us, but it's nice to know that (the 47-0 streak) is on our side."

Game 2 is Sunday in Los Angeles.

If the first 48 minutes of the rematch are any indication, this series again will be a knockdown, drag-out physical confrontation — and the supposedly finesse-oriented Lakers held their ground early.

Boston's Ray Allen scored 12 points in just 27 minutes, saddled with constant foul trouble while trying to guard Bryant. Pierce also picked up early fouls, while Garnett simply struggled, going 7 for 16 from the field and grabbing just four rebounds — even inexplicably missing an open layup with 5½ minutes to play.

That's mostly because of Gasol, the Spanish 7-footer determined to assert himself after getting pushed around by Garnett two years ago. Gasol capped a strong game by sprinting downcourt and catching a long pass in stride for a dunk with 6:21 to play.

"Pau played a big game tonight," Jackson said. "They did a good job on him in the post, but his

movement and his activity was important."

After Artest and Pierce clashed in the opening minute, the mood didn't improve much in a game featuring 54 fouls, but Bryant's playmaking and the Lakers' inside advantages drove them to a 20-point lead after three quarters before surviving Boston's final run.

"You can't ease into the game, especially in the finals," Pierce said. "That's one of the better rebounding teams in the NBA. We've just got to do a better job rebounding the ball, eliminating easy opportunities. When I look up and we've given up 100 points, I haven't seen that in a while."

Los Angeles outrebounded the Celtics 42-31 and put up a strong shooting percentage until a fourth-quarter slump, again excelling at the their two biggest areas of strength in this postseason.

Andrew Bynum scored 10 points on his injured right knee as the Lakers improved to 9-0 at home in the playoffs this season, with 12 straight postseason home wins dating to last year's championship run. Rajon Rondo had 13 points — just three in the second



Los Angeles Lakers forward Ron Artest, left, and Boston Celtics' Paul Pierce grapple during the first half of Game 1 of the NBA basketball finals Thursday, June 3, 2010, in Los Angeles.

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half — and eight assists as Boston went 1 for 10 on 3-pointers, but forced 15 turnovers.

Bryant scored just four points in the fourth quarter, but hit a 3-pointer in the final seconds. He added seven rebounds and six assists in his 12th 30-point game of the postseason.

The first quarter featured 18 personal fouls and 20 free throws, 12 by Boston. The Lakers took a 50-41

halftime lead, but Rondo kept Boston close with 10 points, including a buzzer-beating jumper.

Los Angeles took charge in the final minutes of the third quarter, when Bryant led an 11-2 run to an 84-64 lead heading into the fourth. Boston swiftly sliced that lead with a 10-1 run in the first four minutes, but the Lakers kept their lead in double digits throughout the fourth. □

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Phil Mickelson reacts after missing a birdie putt on the 14th hole in the second round of the Memorial golf tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club Friday, June 4, 2010, in Dublin, Ohio.

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Those questions didn't last long. He birdied three of the opening five holes, then ran off three straight birdies on his front nine to offset the few mistakes for a 69. He

was at 3-under 141, 10 shots behind, but still playing.

"I hit more good shots today than I did yesterday, and really putted well," Woods said.

Phil Mickelson, who has another chance to become

No. 1 with a victory, was headed in that direction with a birdie-birdie-eagle stretch on the front nine, only to give it back by missing one par putt after another on the back nine. He closed with two straight birdies for a 71 that put him at 6-under 138, still in the game but seven shots behind.

"It's frustrating for me because I played very well and didn't shoot the number I thought I should," Mickelson said.

Jim Furyk missed a short birdie putt on the final hole and had to settle for a 67, leaving him in the group at 9-under 135 that included Tim Petrovic, who earlier in the day matched Fowler's 66. The second round was stopped twice by storms and rain for a total of one hour. Because of more bad weather in the forecast, the players will go off Saturday morning in threesomes from both tees.

No matter when or where they start, all of them will be trying to catch Fowler, who has the largest 36-hole

lead on the course since Kenny Perry also led by three in 1991.

"He'll dictate the rest of the tournament, or at least for tomorrow," Furyk said. "If he goes out and plays well, it will be tough to catch him. If he goes out and shoots another 6 or 7 under, he's going to have a huge lead. If he doesn't he'll let some other guys back in the tournament."

Day had a 69 and was at 8-under 136, along with Spencer Levin, who had a 68. British Open champion Stewart Cink, getting closer each week to where he wants to be with his game, turned in a 67 and was at 7-under 137.

Fowler, no matter what happens this week, has to go through 36 holes of U.S. Open qualifying on Monday, having to failed to crack the top 50 in the

world ranking last month.

That he even had a chance to move into the top 50 at such a young age shows his potential.

"We all know he's got the talent to do it," Woods said. "It's just a matter of him doing it."

Rose was among the co-leaders after the first round with Fowler and Geoff Ogilvy, who tumbled to a 77. He finished off his round with a 7-iron that caught the backstop on the 18th green and rolled to easy birdie range, putting him in the final group.

Rose, who tied for fourth in the 1998 British Open when he was 17, knows what it's like to be young and carefree.

"I know he's a cool guy," Rose said of Fowler. "I've seen the way he plays — pretty fearless. Going to enjoy it." □

Frank Schleck wins 2nd stage of Tour of Luxembourg

SAMUEL PETREQUIN,

AP Sports Writer

DIFFERDANGE, Luxembourg (AP)—Defending champion Frank Schleck won a two-man sprint in front of his home crowd to edge Italian Matteo Carrara in the second stage of the five-day Tour of Luxembourg, with Lance Armstrong retaining third in the overall standings on Friday.

Carrara took the race leader's jersey following the queen stage of the race, a 202.7-kilometer trek between Schifflange and Differdange. He leads Schleck by one second.

Armstrong crossed the line in sixth position and kept his third place overall, 30 seconds behind Carrara.

The ride through the Luxembourg countryside featured seven short but demanding climbs, including three 2.2-kilometer ascents in the last 27 kilometers.

The 38-year-old Armstrong spent much of the day up front in the main pack. He was cheered by his girlfriend and kids at the finish line, but didn't speak to reporters.

The American, who is riding in the minor five-day race as part of his preparations for the Tour de France, later said on his Twitter feed that his condition was improving.

Armstrong crashed last month in the Tour of California, where he hurt his elbow and received a cut under his left eye "Hot, hilly, and hard circuits at the end," Armstrong said. "Legs coming around. Frank and Carrara were strong - congrats 2 them."

Johan Bruyneel, boss of Armstrong's RadioShack team, was content with the cyclist's performance.

"We have to wait a bit more for results," Bruyneel said. "But Lance was feeling good and I'm happy with his performance."

Armstrong returned to competition last year following 3½ years of retirement, finishing third in the Tour. He will next ride in the Tour of Switzerland from June 12-20 before bidding for a record-breaking eighth win in the showcase July event. The Tour starts July 3 in Rotterdam, Netherlands □

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Foreman may be undefeated, but he's never faced a marquee opponent like Cotto, especially not on a stage like this. The Bronx will be lit up for the first fight at Yankee Stadium since Muhammad Ali defeated Ken Norton on Sept. 28, 1976, at the old ballpark across 161st Street.

In many ways it's a throwback fight to the 1920s and '30s, when some of the biggest bouts were waged in ballparks. It was common then for fans to divide themselves along ethnic lines, and the expected crowd of about 25,000 on Saturday night should reflect that — some waving Israeli flags for Foreman, others waving Puerto Rican flags for Cotto.

"Everybody is thrilled with this hook of the new building, the New York Yankees and the return of boxing," said Bob Arum, who also promoted the Ali-Norton fight.

"On top of that you have this incredible Yuri Foreman story that's not just unique in boxing, it's unique in sports, and it's capturing the attention."

The fight will be the first sporting event besides baseball at the new Yankee Stadium since it opened last spring, although the configuration will be different from fights at the old place.

Instead of putting the ring on the infield, it will be positioned in right-center field and surrounded by about 10,000 seats. The rest of the fans will fill in the outfield bleachers and occupy seats in the right-

field corner and extending down the first base line. An enormous canopy will cover the ring and first few rows of fans, held up by temporary scaffolding.

Stadium crews have been working at a frenetic pace to get everything ready, beginning almost immediately after the Yankees wrapped up a homestand Thursday afternoon against Baltimore.

"The building is built for this, you can't shy away," team executive Lonnie Trost said. "Think about it. Anyone who realizes the significance of attending the first fight in this facility, and having a ticket to that first fight, that's historical."

The main event will not begin until about 11:15 p.m., two hours after sundown. In accordance with his Jewish faith, Foreman is not allowed to ride in motorized vehicles on the sabbath.

Only then will Foreman (28-0, 8 KOs) leave his Manhattan hotel room, hop inside a waiting car and follow a police escort over the East River and into the Bronx. He'll arrive at the ballpark in time to have his hands wrapped, warm up with trainer Joe Grier, then make the long walk toward the ring as a man sounds the shofar, a horn used for Jewish religious purposes.

Awaiting him will be Cotto, a three-time champion moving to 154 pounds for the first time.

The 29-year-old has sold more tickets to fights in New York over the past decade than any other boxer, usually headlining



Boxers Miguel Cotto, left, and Yuri Foreman pose for photographers after the official weigh-in at Yankee stadium ahead their boxing match for Foreman's WBA light middleweight title, Friday, June 4, 2010, in New York.

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at Madison Square Garden on the eve of the Puerto Rican Day parade. His notable wins include former champs Paulie Malignaggi, Zab Judah and Shane Mosley.

As important as the night is for Foreman, though, it may be even more crucial for Cotto.

He hasn't had a signature victory since defeating Mosley nearly three years ago, and a savage loss to Antonio Margarito in 2008 and his brutal defeat at the hands of pound-for-pound king Manny Pacquiao last fall have many wondering whether Cotto (34-2, 27 KOs) still has it.

Both appeared to be in excellent shape at the weigh-in Friday, where hundreds of fans filled the Great Hall at the ballpark to see them step on the scale. Cotto carried

the overwhelming support, with people chanting his name from the moment he stepped

on the stage.

"We trained pretty good for this fight," Cotto said. □

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Nadal must beat Soderling for fifth French title

HOWARD FENDRICH,
P Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — All Rafael Nadal cares about is winning a fifth French Open championship.

Doesn't matter how he's played until now.

Doesn't matter that he can regain the No. 1 ranking with one more victory.

And, the Spaniard insists, it certainly doesn't matter to him one bit that in Sunday's final, he gets a chance to face the only man he's ever lost to at Roland Garros, Sweden's Robin Soderling. The tantalizing prospect of a Nadal-Soderling rematch with a Grand Slam title on the line is something for others to ponder.

"I never believe (in) revenge," Nadal said after he and Soderling won their semifinals Friday. "I will be as happy or as disappointed if I lose to Robin or to any other player. I don't think this is going to change the way I'll approach the match."

Perhaps that's true. Still, there's one key stat that won't go away: Nadal boasts a 37-1 record at the French Open over his career, and Soderling is responsible for the lone setback, upsetting the four-time champion in the fourth round a year ago en route to a runner-up finish.

"It's always good to have beaten a player before. I know that I can beat him. I showed it," said Soderling, who knocked off defending champion Roger Federer in the quarterfinals Tuesday. "But, again, every match is a new match, and every match is different."

Friday's two semifinals hardly could have contrasted more. First came the No. 5-seeded Soderling's grueling, serve-it-and-slug-it victory over No. 15 Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic, a 6-3, 3-6, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3 test that required



ABOVE: Sweden's Robin Soderling, left, reacts as he plays Czech Republic's Tomas Berdych; and Spain's Rafael Nadal, right, reacts after winning a point against Brazil's Thomaz Bellucci during their fourth round match for the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Monday, May 31, 2010. **BELOW:** USA's Venus Williams, right, and Serena Williams hold the cup after defeating Czech Republic's Kveta Peschke and Slovenia's Katarina Srebotnik during a women's doubles final for the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Friday, June 4, 2010.

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3½ hours to complete. Then came the No. 2-seeded Nadal's far-less-competitive 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (6) win over No. 22 Jurgen Melzer of Austria.

With the sun shining, and the temperature climbing, the 6-foot-4 Soderling and the 6-foot-5 Berdych traded big, quick shots. They have similar games, relying mainly on powerful serves — Berdych pounded 21 aces, Soderling 18 — and forehands that zip through the air.

Both were troubled by double-faults at important moments, including Berdych's on a break point that put Soderling ahead 4-2. It was only the sixth game of a match that would contain 48, yet Berdych called that the closest thing to a turning point.



That assessment seems a tad odd, given that Berdych came back to win the next two sets, when Soderling's strokes went awry and he made nearly half of his 63 unforced errors.

"Today was really tough to really play my own game, because he didn't give me any time at all," Soderling said. "The conditions were much quicker, and he was hitting the ball really hard and really flat."

But Soderling came through. He pounded his right fist on his chest after taking advantage of another double-fault, plus two backhands into the net, by Berdych to lead 4-2 in the fourth set. And in the fifth, with Berdych tiring, Soderling earned a key break point at 3-all with a backhand passing



winner.

Soderling swept the last four games, and in the last, he showed he was still fresh, ripping a forehand passing shot down the line while on the run, part of a 33-12 edge in groundstroke winners from the baseline.

When Berdych sailed a backhand wide to close a 15-stroke exchange on match point, Soderling looked on the verge of tears, and he pulled his shirt over his face. Then he sat in his green changeover bench and bowed his head, aware that he'd earned a trip to his second major final.

This is a guy who never had won so much as a third-round match at a Grand Slam tournament until his surprising 2009 showing at Roland

Garros, which ended with a straight-set loss to Federer in the final.

"Hopefully," Soderling said, "I won't be as nervous as I was last year."

Nadal would love to forget last year — and not just because of his loss to Soderling. In addition to failing to regain the French Open title, Nadal went through painful tendinitis in his knees, a problem that limited his movement against Soderling in Paris.

"I was very happy with the win and my run here last year. I still am," Soderling said. "It doesn't matter who I played or who I beat — or if he was injured or not."

Nevertheless, those knees forced Nadal to withdraw from Wimbledon instead of defending his championship there. And then he ceded the No. 1 ranking to Federer, who will give it back if Nadal wins Sunday.

Most bothersome of all, of course, was what happened off the court in 2009: Nadal's parents separated.

"Last year," said Toni Nadal, Rafael's uncle and coach, "was very difficult for us."

And these days?

"Different guy," Toni Nadal said. "Rafael now is so much better." The younger Nadal has won all 21 clay-court matches he's played this season, and all 18 sets he's played at this French Open. If can win again Sunday, he will join Bjorn Borg as the only men with at least five titles at the clay-court Grand Slam tournament. Borg won a record six.

Nadal was asked Friday how his game now stacks up against that of 12 months ago, and he had a ready response. "Impossible to compare," he said, "because last year I was in the swimming pool in Mallorca."

Against Melzer, Nadal was pretty close to perfect for long stretches. □

At the Westin Resort Aruba Best Chef Competition

The People's Choice Award awarded

Dennis van Daatselaar, Marandi & Erwin Husken, Screaming Eagle



PALM BEACH -- Dennis van Daatselaar, Marandi & Erwin Husken, Screaming Eagle, won the People's Choice Award at a Chef Competition taking place at Pago Pago



Restaurant, at the Westin Resort, Aruba, on the first night of the 6th annual, Aruba Wine Food & Art Festival. Their appetizer of caramelized korubuto pork belly on sweet and sour vegetables, with deep fried mussels, nam prik mayonnaise and butter poached king crab with herb salad, was an outstanding success. It was paired with Cuvaion, Pinot Noir, by the Aruba Trading Company.

Best Wine Award went to the Aruba Trading Company, and the Best Wine & Food Pairing was won by chef Ludwigh

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Ramiro Rafaël, Director of Catering & Meeting Services, reports that the festival unfolding between Thursday, June 3 and Saturday, June 5, 2010, at his resort includes live musical entertainment, art exhibitions, exceptionally elegant cuisine offered by renowned chefs, accompanied by local and international liquor purveyors and wineries, represented by six different countries.

The festival's first evening on



Thursday, June 3, features a Best Chef Competition, with Aruba's top chefs, presenting signature courses, combined with special wine selections. The chefs featured included Robert Wlodyka & Steven Marra, of the Marriott, working with Gerard Coste & Hector Espinoza, of the Radisson; Erwin Husken, of Screaming Eagle, collaborating with Dennis van Daatselaar, of Marandi, and M.A.J van Dorst, of Tierra del Sol, joining Ludwing Samson of Pam Pam. Erwin Husken, of the

Screaming Eagle was also last year's award winner, presenting at the 5th Annual Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival. □



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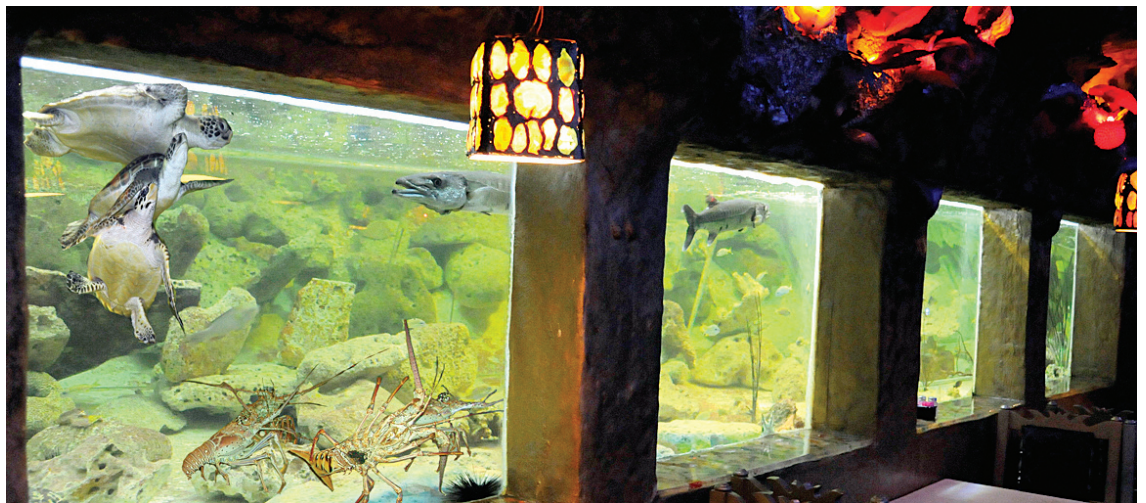
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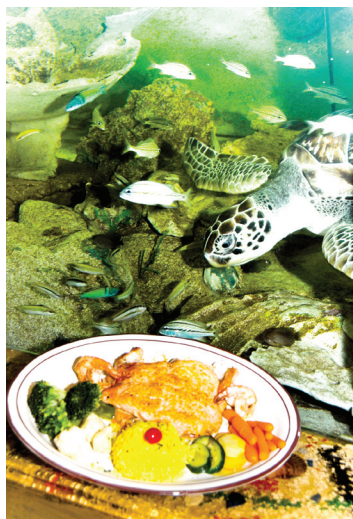
For the past 30 years Buccaneer has built its trust around its patrons on serving fresh food from grill to your plate. The

Buccaneer management has had so many requests to open on Sundays for the past few years; finally they have listened and now opened the doors for 7 days straight. You read it correctly, 7 days a week, 7 days of great food and service. That is not all though; Chef Franklin Winterdaal has been working hard on a new menu for Sunday and has put some BBQ favorites and Italian cuisine on the list of entrees. To tempt your taste buds here is a few items listed on the new menu: Appetizers -New England clam chowder, 'Arrrr'



Chicken Wings, Cakes with Mango Sauce and Fried Calamari with Marinara sauce. BBQ favorites such as Baby Back Ribs, St. Louis Ribs, Land Ahoy Grilled Salmon, Sailors Bone in Half Chicken. Seafood and Pasta Lovers Delight include Seafood Fettuccine in a seafood marinara sauce filled with squid, scallops, shrimp, crab, swordfish & clams, Shrimp Fra Diavolo and Linguine with Red Clam Sauce.

Buccaneer opened its doors last Sunday with patrons that filled the restaurant at various timings. The hours



on Sunday are from 11: 30 am – 10pm and everyday from 5:30pm – 10pm “Our phones keep ringing constantly about reservations for Sunday and guests always comment that they wish we were opened so with God's blessing we

are now ready to take on Sundays”, stated owner, Vasty Munzenhofer.

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Aruba Marriott Celebrates Associate Appreciation Week



PALM BEACH – May 24, 2010 kicked off Associate Appreciation Week (AAW), and all of the Aruba Marriott' associates participated in the annual Marriott International celebration that recognizes the hard work and dedication of all 146,000 associates worldwide. Part of the celebration is a Spirit to Serve our Communities activity, where Marriott associates give back to the island by volunteering.

The celebrations started on Monday with a breakfast buffet for the associates, followed by an afternoon Karaoke session in the Grand Ballroom. On Tuesday, over 150 associates gathered in the Casino for a game of Bingo. Several associates were lucky and won cash prizes. Other Tuesday activities were reserved for video games (Wii, Xbox etc) followed by a special casino night with a private blackjack tournament. Wednesday



morning was reserved for Marriott's Spirit to Serve our Communities. With the funds of the Marriott Care Foundation and a strong will of associates to help the community, the Aruba Marriott painted the Santanero scouting club in Dakota. Later in the day, all department teams were challenged for brain gymnastics with more than 10 teams participating in this popular game. In the evening, associates and families were invited for a movie night, where the group viewed a private screening of "The Chipmunks." On Thursday, the group enjoyed a decadent lunch served by the Executive Committee members. On the last day of Associate Appreciation Week, the group participated in a



fun-filled day of sports. For the early birds, a two hour Zumba class took place in the ballroom followed by a short class of mix martial arts given by Aruba's free fighter champion and Marriott associate, Gregory Milliard. Later the day, various departments participated in the competitive game of "spel zonder grenzen." The Activities team of the Surf Club won all matches, with Human Resources in second place. Associate Appreciation Week 2010 was another great celebration week for the Marriott staff members.

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Café the Plaza & polesitters donate a whopping amount to the donkeys



ORANESTAD - Café the Plaza, the popular restaurant in the Renaissance Marketplace, had a great day yesterday, when a cheque for a whopping AWG. 17.500,- was handed over to the board members of the Aruban Donkey Foundation. Sharon and Desiree were bowled over when they received the cheque on Thursday afternoon. Later on they remarked that the giant cheque had not been signed by Café the Plaza owner Hans Nooter, who turned bright red from this oversight!

The Aruban Polesitting Championships at Café the Plaza are always an annual highlight. This year the proceeds of the valiant polesitters went to the Save our Donkey foundation. This foundation takes care of more than 100 donkeys; formerly these animals ran wild, but as traffic increased many became the victims of accidents. The medical bills and the bills for food for such a large number of animals runs sky high, so the money from Café the Plaza was a very welcome surprise for the foundation.

Polesitting champions were Liesbeth and Heidi, who

broke the record together. They sat on their poles without sleeping for 87 hours and 15 minutes! They are true heroes. Kevin knew beforehand that he would have problems with sitting still for so long: he stayed for 40 hours.

Quite a lot of volunteers of the Donkey Foundation helped with the fundraising efforts during the four days of polesitting; they all deserve a big hurray. And a giant hurray for the polesitters and

the crew of Café the Plaza for their amazing effort as well, of course.

Photos show Hans Nooter with the cheque and the surprised faces of polesitters Liesbeth and Kevin, Desiree and Sharon of the Donkey foundation and Hans and Marco of Café the Plaza. Heidi could not be present at the donation ceremony, so there is a photo of the record-breaking moment of the 2010 Polesitting Championships. □



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De Suikertuin celebrates its first anniversary



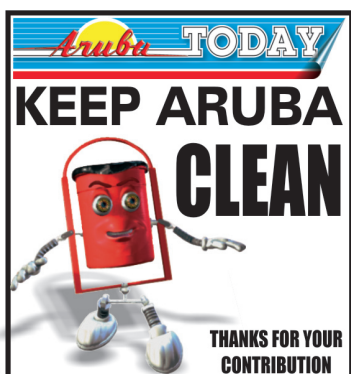
ORANJESTAD - De Suikertuin in the Wilhelminastraat celebrates its first anniversary with a toast and a bit to eat this coming Tuesday. One year ago, on June 8, 2009, the doors of the cozy restaurant opened after five months of hard work. The restaurant was newly painted, great wooden furniture was

put in, the kitchen was totally updated and upgraded and the small garden was made into a tiny Garden of Eden. The loving touches of Willeke and Gaston are evident everywhere and the restaurant oozes charm. During the past year De Suikertuin has gained many

friends and faithful clients. These are invited to come in on Tuesday, June 8, to raise a glass of Gracioso Prosecco and enjoy a small bite. And then De Suikertuin is off to its second year in business; hopefully just as successful as the first. Hip, hip, hurray for De Suikertuin! □



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match the way we like to think of our selves.

In order to define Unification, we must put limits on it, but our limits invoke the energies of Separation. Our limited perspectives don't realize that when we're all One, there is no judgment. In Unity Consciousness, to judge another is to judge yourself.

This brings me to an important point about three dimensions. Understanding

this fundamental principle will propel you beyond the confines of the illusion. Since three dimensional separation is based in Unity, what we perceive as Separate, is truly Ourselves. If you want to know what's inside you, take a look at your emotional and physical surroundings.

Be aware of your outer and inner attitudes toward other people. The way you think of others and the way you treat others, describes your exact feelings and thoughts about yourself.

When you treat others poorly, you open yourself for abuse. When you think poorly of others, you are putting yourself down. Respect others and you respect yourself.

Everything in the three dimensional illusion is you.

Your thoughts, emotions, intentions and actions about your life, are your thoughts, emotions, intentions and actions about your self. The energy you put into the illusion is the energy the illusion gives back to you. Be aware of the energy you express toward everything, and especially toward other people.

The result of Unity Consciousness in Separation is that if you want a lot of something, give it away freely. If you want help, help others. While we're still limited, don't be foolish.

The paradox here is that we must give freely in order to receive, while maintaining our physical survival. Don't be so foolish as to threaten your own survival, then blame spirituality. If we out-give our present mani-

festation limitations, we'll wind up in a less independent situation.

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Twins Jennelee and Gillicen enjoy a wonderful Holy Communion party



Palm Beach – The Gil family celebrated the First Holy Communion of their twins at the Santa Ana church followed by an elegant dinner party at Amazonia Churrascaria. Father Irvin Gil & mother

Soraya Gil report they are Amazonia Churrascaria repeat clients having celebrated their first child's communion party at that restaurant a number of years ago.

have parties anywhere else, and that her future, yet to be born grandchildren, will hopefully get to celebrate their joyous baptism, in great style

at the famous Palm Beach rodizio restaurant.

Pictured here, happy party moments. □

Soraya says, she wouldn't



Surinam Airways takes Miss Teen Aruba to Miami



ORANJESTAD - On Friday June 4th 2010 the candidates of Miss Teen Aruba boarded flight PY463 to Miami, tickets sponsored by Surinam Airways. They will be spending a weekend in Miami enjoying a full city tour including a boat trip over the Biscayne Bay where they will have a glimpse of the rich lifestyle of South Beach. To top it off, the candidates will be making a

stop at the DASH store (Kardashians) where they hope to meet Kim or Khloe. They will be staying at the HYATT SUMMERFIELD SUITES, the latest addition to the Miami Package Collection, courtesy of Maduro Travel. The candidates will be doing several photo shoots and will be shooting an extensive TV

program on Thursday June 10th to be aired on channel 22. Surinam Airways flies to Miami three times a week and is often picked over American Airlines as the choice of airline. The service onboard is always sublime, accompanied by warm plate of Bahmi or Nasi with a side of deep fried plantain and of course a PARBO to finish it off. □

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At Occidental Grand

Brenda and Julio tie the knot again



PALM BEACH- Recently Julio and Brenda Genao tied the knot on Palm Beach. The lovebirds met February 12, 2008 through a mutual friend and within 3 months they knew they had found their soul mates for life.

Brenda chose Aruba because she had visited the island via a Caribbean cruise in 2005. She had spent one day on the island and without a doubt through all the islands she had been to, she fell in love with Aruba 'One Happy Island'. "At the time I was single but I knew I would get married in Aruba one day" stated Brenda.

Julio proposed by secretly placing the ring in Brenda's purse and asking her to retrieve

his headphones at one of their favorite restaurants in NYC 'Asia de Cuba'. Since the lighting was dim Brenda raced around to all the light sources to check out her engagement ring before she said yes!

The matrimony took place at Aruba's Historical Town Hall with close friends and family in 2009 with ceremony and dinner but it wasn't enough! Brenda and Julio wanted their magnificent Aruba beach wedding so they planned and invited their VIP guests back to Aruba and making it the most memorable event amongst the people they most cherish in their lives.

The beach blessing took place at Occidental Grand on the

white pristine Palm Beach. Brenda and Julio had their toes in the sand as they vowed their love under Aruba's sunset. The VIP guests witnessed the marriage once again but this time with a happy ever after ending that began on the beach.

The sunset was amazing as Bella Aruba Photography captured the 'Once in a Lifetime' moments as the sun set behind the horizon. Cocktails were served immediately following the ceremony. The reception took place on the beach under the starlit night skies with DJ Tino playing the hottest hits. Brenda made a surprise entrance in her favorite colored blue gown.

Now it feels like we are "really" married and we couldn't be happier! Replied Brenda and added "We would like to thank our wedding coordinator, Kimberly Dammerman for orchestrating our dream wedding to perfection with all the details we had envisioned".

Photos by Angela Munzenhofer



Surprising Healing Benefits of Spices

By Brynn Mannino

Chances are you sprinkle cinnamon into your morning oatmeal or add a dash of oregano to pizza without giving the spices much thought. But did

you know your favorite flavors can actually do your body good? According to Christina Suarez, master herbalist and owner of TheGoodHerbCo.com, while spices are only effective when eaten at least daily,

each has its own specific health benefits. Read on to find out which additives can burn fat, ease a sore throat or help you get to sleep, and how you can incorporate them into your daily diet.



Coriander

Also known as cilantro; the leaves and seeds of the Coriandrum plant in the aromatic Apiaceae family. Health Powers: Acts as a diuretic; eases seasonal allergies. Daily Dose: Cook into couscous and quinoa, which you can store and eat with leftovers.



Celery Seed

Seed of the Apium graveolens plant in the parsley family. Health Powers: Flushes the liver of toxins; lowers blood pressure; combats water retention. Daily Dose: Think salads—tuna, potato and egg all work—which can be tossed onto a bed of lettuce, eaten alone or spread onto bread.



Cardamom

Fruit of the Elettaria cardamomum plant in the ginger family. Health Powers: Eases belching, flatulence and indigestion; treats respiratory conditions like coughing, asthma and loss of voice; aids in the elimination of toxins through your skin. Daily Dose: Stir a few freshly ground pinches of cardamom pods into a shot of OJ or your morning fruit salad, or mix it with white or brown rice before you boil it.



Cinnamon

Bark of a small evergreen tree. Health Powers: Tames nausea and stomach ulcers; functions as a mild anti-inflammatory; increases insulin sensitivity to help focus fat burn. Daily Dose: Stir into coffee/tea, yogurt, oatmeal or any boxed cereal.



Nutmeg

Fruit of Myristica fragrans, an evergreen tree. Health Powers: Improves digestion; eases the symptoms of menstruation; induces calm and sleep. Daily Dose: Grate a small amount into applesauce or plain yogurt. (Note: It's safe to grate the entire nut, which you can usually buy whole at the supermarket, but you never want to consume more than one nutmeg per day because too much of this potent spice can cause stomach pain, double vision and other uncomfortable reactions.)



Fennel

Seed of the Foeniculum plant in the aromatic Apiaceae family. Health Powers: Calms bowel distress; supports milk production in nursing mothers; combats water retention. Daily Dose: Add to canned minestrone and vegetable soups.



Oregano

Leaf of the Origanum plant in the mint family. Health Powers: Loosens mucus; helps treat respiratory illnesses; and calms indigestion. Daily Dose: Use in any tomato-based foods, like marinara sauces, pizza and soups.



Cayenne

Fruit of the Capsicum annum plant in the Solanaceae family, along with chile pepper. Health Powers: Eliminates gas from the stomach and intestines; soothes sore throat, cold and flu symptoms; increases metabolism for weight control. Daily Dose: Stir into a cup of hot chocolate or any sweet juice drink for a contrasting flavor kick.



Cloves

Flower bud found at the base of an evergreen tree. Health Powers: Soothes digestive tract muscles and is a potent antihistamine. Daily Dose: Mix into your nightly ice cream treat or sneak into mustard spread.



Turmeric

Root of the Curcuma plant in the ginger family. Health Powers: Reduces inflammation (joints, airways); detoxifies the liver. Daily Dose: Mix in with oil-and-vinegar-based salad dressings.



Thyme

Leaf of the Thymus plant in the mint family. Health Powers: Relaxes the muscle tissue of the gastrointestinal tract; stimulates immune system. Daily Dose: Toss into any meat-based dishes.

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To burn more fat, skip breakfast before workout



FILE - This is a Thursday, July 27, 2006 file photo of former Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong, eats a piece of coconut cream pie during a seven-day bike ride across Iowa in Sully, Iowa. Running on empty may not be such a bad idea after all. Running on empty may not be such a bad idea after all. Though many athletes eat before training, some scientists say that if you really want to get rid of more fat, you should skip the pre-workout snack. Muscles usually get their energy from carbohydrates, which is why athletes like Armstrong and Michael Phelps eat enormous amounts of food before a race. But if you haven't eaten before exercising, your body doesn't have many carbohydrates in reserve. That forces it to burn fat instead, scientists say.

(AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall, File)

By MARIA CHENG,
AP Medical Writer

LONDON — Running on empty may not be such a bad idea after all. Though many athletes eat before training, some scientists say that if you really want to get rid of more fat, you should skip the pre-workout snack.

Several studies suggest exercising while your body is low on food may be a good way to trim excess fat. In a recent paper, European researchers found that cyclists who trained without eating burned significantly more fat than their counterparts who ate.

Muscles usually get their energy from carbohydrates, which is why athletes like Lance Armstrong and Michael Phelps scarf down enormous amounts of food before a race. But if you haven't eaten before exercising, your body doesn't have many carbohydrates in reserve. That forces it to burn fat instead, scientists say.

"When you exercise (after fasting), your adrenalin is high and your insulin is low," said Peter Hespel, a professor of exercise physiology at the University of Leuven in Belgium. "That ratio is favorable for your muscles to oxidize (break down) more fatty acids." Hespel said that

people who exercise without having eaten burn more fat than they would if they had grabbed a bite beforehand.

In a study published in April, researchers at the University of Birmingham and elsewhere assigned seven people to cycle three days a week, followed by an intense session an hour later without eating. Another seven people followed the same regime, without the instruction to fast.

Though members of the group that didn't eat performed worse on the intensive training, they burned a higher proportion of fat to carbohydrates than the group that ate. The results were published by Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise, the journal of the American College of Sports Medicine.

In a 2008 study, Hespel and colleagues tested the effects on men who did endurance training without eating versus those who ate. In the athletes who hadn't eaten, the researchers found a spike in the amount of proteins needed to process fat, meaning their bodies had been primed through fasting to burn more fat. Hespel recommends people do this kind of training before breakfast, since eating carbohydrates interrupts the process of metabolizing fat for

about six hours afterward.

Though he and colleagues have primarily studied the effects of exercising without eating in young, healthy people, he thinks the method could also help people with problems like

diabetes. Because exercising without eating produces muscles that are better at absorbing glucose — which is important for preventing diabetes — Hespel theorized the strategy would also help diabetics control their insulin levels.

Other experts said that even though people may burn more fat this way, it is mostly fat within the muscles that will be lost and won't make a big difference to people trying to lose weight.

"When you exercise (without eating), fat is broken down more quickly in the muscle," said

Andrew Greenberg, director of the Obesity and Metabolism Laboratory at Tufts University. "You may enhance how you burn the fat in the muscles, but it doesn't affect your overall body fat," Greenberg said. He said more intense exercise may prompt the body to burn more fatty acids in other regions of the body, but that a lot of training would be required to see a big difference.

For recreational athletes interested in maximizing their exercise regimen, some experts recommend a regular training session where you deliberately do not eat beforehand. "Science is finally catching up with what smart runners have always known," said Ron Maughan, a professor of sport, exercise and health sciences at Loughborough University in Britain. "If you have a long, hard run without breakfast once a week, that hard run will train you to burn fat," he said. "And for the rest of the week, have plenty of carbohydrates so you can train hard."

Maughan cautioned against doing too much exercise on an empty stomach. "That might help you get very good at burning fat, but you won't be very good at whatever exercise it is you're doing," he said. □



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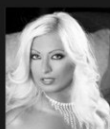
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Disgracing America

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President Barack Obama, who got his start in politics in the living room of domestic terrorists Bill Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn, and spent his first year in office apologizing for American history, has now decisively tipped U.S. foreign policy toward America's enemies. Events of the past week have left no doubt.

There is a pattern. President "Let No Crisis Be Wasted" Obama twists events to justify his radical agenda. A financial crisis becomes the excuse for a massive health care entitlement. An oil spill is exploited to push an unpopular energy tax. And a jihadist publicity stunt — the Gaza flotilla — becomes the occasion to throw Israel to the wolves.

One mentions Ayers and Dohrn not to dwell on the past but because — hello! — the pair has been involved with the Free Gaza movement, one of the organizers of the so-called "Freedom Flotilla." Venezuela's Hugo Chavez has announced that he, too, would like to participate in the next running of the blockade — and why not? Obama has blessed the project with success.

By 1) declaring through Secretary of State Clinton that the blockade of Gaza is "unsustainable and unacceptable"; 2) joining the United Nations Security Council in "condemn(ing) those acts which resulted in the loss of at least 10 civilians and many wounded"; and 3) having a White House official tell the Washington Post that there is now a "general sense in the administration that it's time to change our Gaza policy," the Obama administration has handed the terrorists a victory.

To review: In 2005, Israel unilaterally withdrew from Gaza, forcibly uprooting 8,500 Jewish settlers and evacuating all soldiers. The Palestinians were left free to form their own government and run their own affairs. Much of value was left behind. MSNBC reported at the time that "American Jewish donors ... bought more than 3,000 greenhouses from Israeli settlers in Gaza for \$14 million last month and transferred them to the Palestinian Authority. Former World Bank President James Wolfensohn, who brokered the deal, put up \$500,000 of his own cash." But the day after Israeli troops departed, the greenhouses were looted. MSNBC reported: "Palestinian police stood by helplessly Tuesday as looters carted off materials from greenhouses in several settlements, and commanders complained they did not have enough manpower to protect the prized assets. In some instances, there was no security and in others, police even joined the looters, witnesses said."

In 2007, Hamas, the Iranian-backed Islamist terror group, staged a coup and gained control of Gaza. Too busy to tend greenhouses, they occupied themselves by raining 10,000 missiles on Israeli cities and sending kidnappers and suicide bombers across the border. □

A three-pronged approach to confront Afghanistan's corruption

**By Cheryl Benard
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Washington; and Santa Monica, Calif. — President Karzai's Washington visit last month was basically a "be-nice-to-Karzai summit." After a period of harsh and direct US criticism this past fall, the air is cleared, but issues remain. Corruption in particular — hardly touched upon during the visit — threatens to imperil success in Afghanistan even if the military and security challenges are mastered.

Transparency International ranks Afghanistan as the second most corrupt country in the world, after Somalia. A study from the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime reports that corruption is the second-largest contributor to the country's gross domestic product. Clearly, corruption is Afghanistan's Achilles' heel.

A few weeks ago, RAND hosted a gathering of the Afghan government's director general for the High Office of Oversight and Anti-Corruption, civil society activists, investigative journalists, parliamentarians, educators, and bloggers in Kabul to discuss Afghanistan's future.

While the participants generated a depressing list of the myriad ways corruption permeates daily life, we also found many bright spots — groups and individuals resisting the insidious spread of corruption — and together developed ideas on how to fight corruption more effectively.

As dramatic and disturbing as the statistics are, they can make it seem like corruption is just a regrettable and inevitable fact of life. What they don't convey is just how difficult it makes the daily reality for the Afghan people. Citizens have to bribe a cascade of officials before they can pay their electricity bill or even taxes. Schoolchildren often need to bribe their teachers to obtain a report card. One man related how a cleric had demanded a bribe to convert his Christian fiancée to Islam.

Corruption has gone beyond what is normal or tolerable in Afghanistan. In previous generations, officials were known to be corrupt, but they were ostracized for it. Now it is seen as an acceptable and normal way to get ahead. Even some economists argue that corruption can be a lubricant, greasing the wheels where salaries are low and idealism is tepid. Maybe. But in Afghanistan, corruption impedes sustainable economic development, depletes donor resources, and plays to the one perceived strength of the Taliban — their moral righteousness.

Discussions of corruption in Afghanistan tend to focus on addressing it at the top — to set

an example, and because this is where large amounts of money are siphoned off. There is no doubt that Afghan elites and leadership must be held accountable; and sure, putting one or two big name malefactors on trial and sentencing them would send a message. But that effort should not mean putting on hold any effort to clean things up at the middle and lower levels. If citizens could open and run their businesses and manage their daily affairs without being extorted by police, bureaucrats, and officials, life would improve and confidence in the government would increase.

Confronting mid-level corruption requires three areas of focus: technical, legal, and cultural.

1. Technical

Technical solutions, such as electronic payments, cut out the middleman and reduce opportunities for extortion. Technology could also allow public servants to be monitored, for example, by tracking the number of cases they can process and allowing an incentive system to replace bribes as a source of additional income.

2. Legal

Legal means are often the most difficult to develop and enforce. The media, as one of the better developed institutions in Afghanistan, could help by cooperating with the High Commission to expose corrupt bureaucrats.

The Afghan parliament has independently set up a "Complaints Office." While it is now just a shabby little room with a paper sign on the door, it is still open for citizen business every day, and the staff make an effort to follow up on reports of wrongdoing. With a little guidance, and perhaps also coordination with the media and the High Commission, this office could become significantly more effective.

3. Cultural

Finally, Afghans need to regain their moral footing. Other countries have shown great success when society simply begins to reject the attitude that it is okay to extort money for services to which the public is entitled. Corrupt individuals need to be shamed, perhaps patterning after India's "Zero Rupee" campaign, where corrupt officials received "payment" with specially printed bills that resembled the actual currency — but had a denomination of zero.

While we may not soon see high Afghan officials brought to justice on charges of corruption, these three areas of focus could ease the tyranny of corruption on the daily lives of Afghans and rebuild the cultural underpinnings needed for a next and better generation of Afghan leaders and public servants. □



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Presidente Uribe destaca avances economía en Colombia

BOGOTA (Reuters) - El presidente Alvaro Uribe se declaró el viernes orgulloso por haber logrado en sus ocho años de Gobierno insertar a Colombia dentro de los países vistos con buenas expectativas económicas, luego de que llegó a ser catalogado como un Estado fallido.

Para el mundo, el país sudamericano era noticia principalmente por los ataques de la guerrilla y el narcotráfico. Hoy, cuando le faltan 64 días para entregar el poder como el mandatario más popular en la historia de Colombia, Uribe pinta un panorama distinto. "Creo que hacer el tránsito de un país que se dijo que estaba entrando en una estadio de Estado fallido a un país que lo reconocen hoy como uno de los nuevos prodigios de la economía, al señalarlo como uno de los países del grupo 'civetas'. Ese tránsito es bueno", precisó.

Uribe se refirió a una nueva denominación "civetas" lanzada por el banco británico HSBC en la que ubica a países estables y

con un futuro expansivo y cuyo nombre en inglés CIVETS deriva de la primera letra de los países colocados en ella: Colombia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Egipto, Turquía y Sudáfrica.

Pero el país registra un desempleo urbano de 12,9 por ciento, uno de los más altos en Latinoamérica, y una pobreza de más del 45 por ciento, problemas que tendrá que enfrentar su sucesor en medio de una creciente demanda de empleo, salud y educación.

Además de haber sorteado la crisis financiera global, según Uribe la economía de Colombia ha superado los embates de la violencia por el conflicto interno y la caída del comercio con Venezuela por decisión del presidente Hugo Chávez. Sentado en el histórico Salón Amarillo del Palacio de Nariño, en el centro de Bogotá y sede de la Presidencia, resaltó que la economía del país de más de 44 millones de habitantes creció al menos un 4 por ciento en el primer trimestre y proyectó tasas positivas a partir del 2011. □



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